

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Adrian A. Garcia, Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Resource Area office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027. Telephone (602) 780-8090.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the lands to the District Manager, Phoenix District Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027.

CLASSIFICATION COMMENTS: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a school facility and community recreational facilities. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

APPLICATION COMMENTS: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a school facility and community recreational facilities.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 7, 1995.

David J. Miller,

Associate District Manager.

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Conveyance of Mineral Interests in California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Segregation.

SUMMARY: The private land described in this notice, aggregating 149.61 acres, is segregated and made unavailable for

filings under the general mining laws and the mineral leasing laws to determine its suitability for conveyance of the reserved mineral interest pursuant to section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976.

The mineral interests will be conveyed in whole or in part upon favorable mineral examination.

The purpose is to allow consolidation of surface and subsurface of minerals ownership where there are no known mineral values or in those instances where the reservation interferes with or precludes appropriate nonmineral development and such development is a more beneficial use of the land than the mineral development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marcia Sieckman, California State Office, Federal Office Building, 2800 Cottage Way, Room E-2845, Sacramento, California 95825, (916) 979-2858. Serial No. CACA 34048.

T. 30 N., R. 8 W., Mount Diablo Meridian

Sec. 14, Parcel 1 as shown and designated upon that certain Parcel Map #349-79 for John and Kathleen Bejarano filed for record in the office of the County Recorder on September 2, 1981 in Book 22 of Parcel Maps at page 43, Shasta County Records. County—Shasta.

Minerals Reservation—All coal and other minerals.

Upon publication of this Notice of Segregation in the **Federal Register** as provided in 43 CFR 2720.1-1(b), the mineral interests owned by the United States in the private lands covered by the application shall be segregated to the extent that they will not be subject to appropriation under the mining and mineral leasing laws. The segregative effect of the application shall terminate by publication of an opening order in the **Federal Register** specifying the date and time of opening; upon issuance of a patent or other document of conveyance to such mineral interest; or two years from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

Dated: July 6, 1995.

David McIlnay,

Chief, Branch of Lands.

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Notice of Availability of Approved Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Approved Resource Management Plan

and Record of Decision for the Eugene BLM District, Oregon.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1550.2), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, (43 CFR 1610.2 (g)), the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Eugene District provides notice of availability of the Approved Resource Management Plan (ARMP) and Record of Decision (ROD) for the Eugene District. In addition to describing the decisions, the ARMP will provide the framework to guide land and resource allocations and management direction for the next 10 to 20 years in the Eugene District. This ARMP supersedes the existing Eugene District Management Framework Plan (1983), and other related documents for managing approximately 318,000 acres of mostly forested public land and 1,299 acres of non-federal surface ownership with federal mineral estate administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Benton, Douglas, Lane, and Linn counties in Oregon.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ARMP/ROD are available upon request by contacting the Eugene District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2890 Chad Drive, Eugene, Oregon 97408-7336. This document has been sent to all those individuals and groups who were on the mailing list for the Proposed Eugene District Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement. The full supporting record for the ARMP is available for inspection in the Eugene District Office at the address shown above. Copies of the draft RMP/EIS and proposed RMP/final EIS are also available for inspection in the public room on the 7th floor of the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, 1515 SW Fifth Street, Portland, Oregon, and public libraries in Eugene/Springfield during normal hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Nelson, District Manager, Eugene District Office, Bureau of Land Management. She can be reached by telephone at 503-683-6600 or by FAX at 503-683-6981.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Eugene District ARMP/ROD is essentially the same as the Eugene District Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS). Virtually no changes to the proposed decisions have been made, except for some clarifying language in response to the nine valid protests BLM received on the Eugene District PRMP/FEIS and as a result of

ongoing staff review. The clarifying language concerns:

—Revisions intended to strengthen the link between the ARMP and the 1994 *Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (Northwest Forest Plan/ROD).

—Revisions that incorporate guidelines issued by the Regional Ecosystem Office since the issuance of the 1994 Record of Decision named above. Such guidelines may clarify or interpret the 1994 Record of Decision.

Seven alternatives that encompass a spectrum of realistic management options were considered in the planning process. The final plan is a mixture of the management objectives and actions that, in the opinion of the BLM, best resolve the issues and concerns that originally initiated the preparation of

the plan and also meet the plan elements or adopt decisions made in the Northwest Forest Plan/ROD. The Northwest Forest Plan/ROD was signed by the Secretary of the Interior who directed the BLM to adopt it in its Resource Management Plans for western Oregon. Furthermore, those decisions were upheld by the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington on December 21, 1994.

Ecosystem Management and Forest Product Production: The ARMP/ROD responds to the need for a healthy forest ecosystem with habitat that will support populations of native species (particularly those associated with late-successional and old growth forests). It also responds to the need for a sustainable supply of timber and other forest products that will help maintain the stability of local and regional economies, and contribute valuable resources to the national economy on a predictable and long-term basis. BLM administered lands are primarily allocated to Riparian Reserves, Late-Successional Reserves, General Forest

Management Areas, Connectivity/Diversity Blocks, and Adaptive Management Areas. An Aquatic Conservation Strategy will be applied to all lands and waters under BLM jurisdiction.

Approximately 69,000 acres will be managed for timber production. The Allowable Sale Quantity will be 6.1 million cubic feet (36 million board feet). To contribute to biological diversity, standing trees, snags, and down dead woody material will be retained. A process for monitoring, evaluating, and amending or revising the plan is described.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC): The ARMP/ROD will continue the designation of seven Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), five ACEC/Research Natural Areas (RNA), two ACEC/Outstanding Natural Areas (ONA), and one Environmental Education Area (EEA). The ARMP/ROD designates or redesignates the following ACECs and RNAs with the noted restrictions.

Area name	Approx. acres	Timber/veg. harv.	OHV use	Min. loc.	Min. lease	Min. salable
Coburg Hills, Cottage Grove Lake, and Dorena Lake Relict Forest Islands ACEC	876	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Cougar Mtn. Yew ACEC	10	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Grassy Mtn. ACEC	74	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Hult Marsh ACEC	167	P	R	P	open-NSO	P
Long Tom ACEC	7	R	P	P	open-NSO	P
Camas Swale ACEC/RNA	314	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Fox Hollow ACEC/RNA	160	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Horse Rock Ridge ACEC/RNA	378	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Mohawk ACEC/RNA	292	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Upper Elk Meadows ACEC/RNA	223	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Heceta Sand Dunes ACEC/ONA	218	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Lake Creek Falls ACEC/ONA	58	P	R	P	open-NSO	P
McGowan Creek EEA	79	P	P	P	open-NSO	P

P = Use is prohibited.

R = Use is allowed but with restrictions.

NSO = No surface occupancy.

Wild and Scenic Rivers:

Approximately 39 miles of river found eligible for designation and studied by BLM are found not suitable for designation. Three river segments (involving approximately 70 miles) have been determined to be administratively eligible for further consideration for designation as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System under recreational river classifications, pending other interagency suitability studies. All administratively suitable or eligible (pending further study) river segments will be managed under BLM interim management guidelines pending further legislative or administrative

consideration, as applicable. The supporting records for the ARMP/ROD, document those river or stream segment analyses.

Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Use: The ARMP/ROD makes the following designations for OHV management in the District: approximately 80 acres will be open; 314,800 acres will be restricted to designated existing roads and trails and/or seasonally closed; and 3,120 acres will be closed to all use, except for specified administrative or emergency uses. The closed areas include administratively withdrawn areas such as seed orchards and progeny test sites, and various ACECs. In addition, the

ARMP/ROD provides for road closures to meet ecosystem management objectives. Such closures may be permanent or seasonal, and will be affected by use of signs, gates, barriers, or total road deconstruction and site restoration.

Land Tenure Adjustment: The ARMP/ROD identifies approximately 78,175 acres of BLM administered lands that will be retained in public ownership; 238,398 acres of BLM lands that may be considered for exchange under prescribed circumstances; and 36 acres of BLM lands that may be available for sale or disposal under other authorized processes. The ARMP also provides

criteria for the acquisition of lands, or interests in lands, where such acquisition would meet objectives of the various resource programs. The plan allocates approximately 1,367 acres as right-of-way exclusion areas and 151,091 acres as right-of-way avoidance areas.

Special Recreation and Visual Resource Management Areas: The ARMP/ROD identifies seven Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMA), including one existing (Shotgun Recreation Site) and six new SRMA (Upper Lake Creek, Lower Lake Creek, Gilkey Creek, Row River, McKenzie River, Siuslaw River). The existing SRMA totals approximately 277 acres and the new SRMAs total approximately 24,454 acres. The ARMP/ROD allocates approximately 1,265 acres of BLM administered lands for 39 existing or potential recreation sites. The plan also allocates lands for 26 existing or potential trails, totaling approximately 102 miles. The plan also identifies management objectives for three Visual Resource Management classifications.

Mineral and Energy Resource Management: Most BLM administered lands will remain available for mineral leasing and location of mining claims, but 52 acres are closed to leasing for oil and gas resources by law, and 15,230 acres will be closed to location of claims.

Dated: June 13, 1995.

Judy Ellen Nelson,

Eugene District Manager.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for Desert Tortoises in Washington County, Utah

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Washington County, Utah (Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Applicant has been assigned Permit Number PRT-803842. The proposed permit would authorize the incidental take of the threatened desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*).

The Service announces that the Applicant's incidental take permit application, draft environmental impact

statement, and Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan are available for public review. Copies of the above documents have been sent to all agencies and individuals who participated in the scoping process and to all others who have already requested copies. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act, and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). Comments are requested.

DATES: Written comments on the draft environmental impact statement, incidental take permit application, and habitat conservation plan must be received on or before August 28, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Requests for any of the above documents and comments or materials concerning them should be sent to the Assistant Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 145 East 1300 South, Suite 404, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. The documents and comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert D. Williams, Assistant Field Supervisor (see **ADDRESSES** above) (telephone 801-524-5001, facsimile 801-524-5021).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), prohibits the "taking" of any threatened or endangered species, including the desert tortoise. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take threatened and endangered wildlife species if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Washington County, Utah (Applicant) submitted an application to the Service for a permit to incidentally take desert tortoise, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act, in association with various private projects in Washington County. The proposed permit would allow incidental take of desert tortoise for a period of 20 years, resulting from development of up to 12,298 acres of private lands in the vicinity of the Upper Virgin River Desert Tortoise Recovery Unit in Washington County. The Upper Virgin River Desert Tortoise Recovery Unit is described in the Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan published by the Service, and contains desert tortoise habitat ranging from west of the town of Ivins on the west to the town of Springdale on the east, but does not

include the Beaver Dam Slope Desert Wildlife Management Area of the Northeastern Mojave Desert Tortoise Recovery Unit. The Beaver Dam Slope Desert Wildlife Management Area, located in the extreme southwestern corner of the State of Utah, is not addressed in this permit application. The permit application was received on June 15, 1995, and was accompanied by the Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), which describes the Applicant's proposed measures to minimize, monitor, and mitigate the impacts of their proposed take on the desert tortoise.

The Applicant proposes to minimize incidental take through design of a desert habitat reserve of the largest size practicable that will meet recommendations for the Upper Virgin River Recovery Unit, as detailed in the Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan. Other methods to minimize incidental take will include fencing, law enforcement, education, and translocation research. Fencing is an important component of both minimization and mitigation measures, as it will be designed to minimize desert tortoise mortality, including human-caused injury and death. As mitigation, fencing will also serve to enhance habitat within the proposed reserve, allowing habitat preservation and rehabilitation.

Consolidation of desert habitat into a reserve managed for desert tortoise and other species, and removal of competing uses will comprise the primary mitigation for proposed take. The Applicant proposes establishment of a 60,969-acre desert habitat reserve, within the Upper Virgin River Desert Tortoise Recovery Unit. The proposed reserve extends from the western boundary of the Paiute Indian tribal lands on the west to the City of Hurricane on the east. Within this area, uses will be carefully controlled and all management actions will place desert tortoise and desert tortoise habitat conservation as the highest priority. The reserve also will provide habitat for numerous Federal candidate and State sensitive species. Outside the reserve, Federal activities in desert tortoise habitat will be subject to the Act section 7 consultations with the Service. Mitigation for the proposed take also will include fencing of plant reserve areas for endangered plant species, purchase of cattle grazing permits, and mineral right withdrawal within the desert habitat reserve.

For implementation and monitoring of minimization and mitigation actions, the Applicant will collect a county-wide fee of 0.2 percent of building construction costs for all new